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SUBJECT: CCMS APRIL 1973 PLENARY -- ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY

1. SUMMARY: U. S. PRESENTATION OUTLINED: (1) TRANSITION OF EMS PROJECT FROM ROAD SAFETY TO ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PILOT, (2) RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ESV PROJECT, (3) PLANS FOR ENDING PILOT STUDY. CONSENSUS TEXT OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY RESULTING FROM FEBRUARY PARIS WORKSHOP INTRODUCED JOINTLY WITH BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, AND NETHERLANDS. CANADA AND GREECE GENERALLY SUPPORTED RESOLUTION WHILE OTHER NATIONS INDICATED SUPPORT WITH RESERVATION ON STATISTICAL PERCENTAGE
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GOAL (DENMARK, UK, ITALY, NORWAY). ANNOUNCEMENT MADE OF JUNE 1973 WORKSHOP IN PARIS ON RESOLUTION, WITH REQUEST THAT ALL NATIONS BE REPRESENTED. PROJECT LEADER COUNTRIES PRESENTED SHORT PROGRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. MR. JAMES BEGGS, REPRESENTING UNDER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION KROGH, ASSISTED BY DR. ROBERT BRENNER, PRESENTED THE PILOT STUDY PROGRESS REPORT.

3. BEGGS REPORTED THAT THE TRANSITION OF EMS ACTIVITY FROM THE ROAD SAFETY TO THE ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY WAS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY, AND WOULD BE COMPLETE BY JULY 1 WITH TRANSMISSION OF THE FINAL PROJECT REPORT TO HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY.

4. U. S. REPORT ON ESV PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED RECEIPT IN U. S. OF THE 1,700 POUND FIAT ESV FOR COOPERATIVE TESTING. BEGGS THANKED GOI AND FIAT MOTOR COMPANY FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF SENDING THEIR ESV' S FOR TESTING PURPOSES. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ESV CONFERENCE IN KYOTO HAD MADE START IN ANSWERING HOW BEST TO TRANSLATE RESULTS OF ESV RESEARCH INTO SAFETY STANDARDS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT CCMS EFFORT THUS FAR HAS SPEARHEADED AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR INDUSTRIES ON COMPLEX MATTERS OF SAFETY AND ECONOMICS. THIS DIALOGUE SHOULD LEAD TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS.

5. BRENNER OUTLINED PLANS FOR ENDING PILOT STUDY AND PREPARING FINAL REPORT AND DISCUSSED AGENDA OF JUNE 13-15 PARIS WORKSHOP. HE ALSO REQUESTED REPORTS OF THE SIX PROJECTS BY JULY 1, 1973; BRENNER ANNOUNCED THAT DRAFT OF PILOT STUDY REPORT WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBER NATIONS BY MID- SEPTEMBER FOR THEIR REVIEW. HE EMPHASIZED THAT REPORT WILL DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF ACHIEVING CONCRETE ACTION AFTER PILOT STUDY IS COMPLETE. PRIMARY INSTRUMENT FOR ACCOMPLISHING FOLLOW- UP ACTION IS PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION. ANNEXED RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESOLUTION WILL SPELL OUT " NEXT STEP" ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. JUNE WORKSHOP TO BE HOSTED BY GOF WILL (1) RECONCILE ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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REMAINING DIFFERENCES ON WORDING OF RESOLUTION;

(2) WORK OUT PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVELY HANDLING PROPOSALS FOR ITEMS TO BE ADOPTED AS ANNEXES TO RESOLUTION; (3) DISCUSS CONCEPTS OF ACTION PLAN TO INTENSIFY NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS; (4) OUTLINE PROCEDURES TO ASSESS PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION; AND (5) EXCHANGE VIEWPOINTS ON TECHNIQUES AND ART OF PLANNING AND DIRECTING A NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM. BRENNER ENDED BY INDICATING PLANS FOR OCTOBER INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PILOT STUDY HAD TO GIVE WAY TO MORE IMPORTANT PRIORITY OF COMPLETING STUDY AND PREPARING REPORT.

6. BEGGS CAPPED U. S. PRESENTATION BY INTRODUCING RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ROAD SAFETY BY ENCOURAGING NEW SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING SYSTEMATIC MEANS FOR ASSESSING THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

7. BELGIAN, FRENCH, FRG, AND DUTCH REPS CONFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION BY JOINING U. S. IN INTRODUCING THE CONSENSUS TEXT. GREENCE ANNOUNCED FULL SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION AS DID CANADA, WHILE DENMARK, NORWAY AND UK SUPPORTED INTENT OF RESOLUTION BUT HAD VARIOUS RESERVATIONS ON PARAGRAPH 1 B DEALING WITH STATISTICAL GOALS. BEGGS TOOK NOTE OF COMMENTS AND ASKED THOSE COUNTRIES HAVING SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO FORWARD THEM TO PILOT COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER PERMIT FINAL RESOLUTION AT JUNE PARIS WORKSHOP. HE EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING SOME QUANTITATIVE GOAL THAT ALL COUNTRIES COULD WORK TOWARDS.

8. GOC REPORTED ON ALCOHOL AND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT. GOC MINISTER OF TRANSPORT MARCHAND STATED HIS COUNTRY HAD ALREADY PROFITED FROM WORK OF ALL THE PROJECTS OF THE PILOT STUDY AND PARTICULARLY THE ONE ON ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY WHICH CANADA WAS LEADING. FINAL REPORT OF THIS PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ESTABLISH LEGAL LIMITS OF BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT OF DRIVERS; INSTRUMENTS FOR MEASURING THE ALCOHOL CONTENT OF THE BLOOD; MEASURES FOR ENFORCEMENT AND COURT PROCEDURES; AND THE INTER-
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NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR CONDUCTING ROADSIDE SURVEYS. MARCHAND STRONGLY SUPPORTED ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO NEED TO CONSULT WITH PROVINCES WHICH HAVE ROAD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

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9. BELGIAN DELEGATE, REPORTING ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT, NOTED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY RESOLUTION TABLED AT NOVEMBER 1972 PLENARY WHICH CALLS FOR CONSIDERATION OF PEDESTRIAN IN DEVELOPING ESV SPECIFICATIONS. HE STATED THAT MEETING OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS TO PREPARE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE; EXACT DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED.

10. FRG REVIEWED HISTORY OF MEETINGS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION PROJECT AND ANNOUNCED THAT U. S. WAS HOSTING A FINAL MEETING AT END OF APRIL TO PREPARE DRAFT OF FINAL PROJECT REPORT.

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11. FRENCH EXPRESSED OVER- ALL INTEREST IN PILOT STUDY. SUGGESTED THAT COMMENTS OR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO DELEGATES EARLIEST FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. IN RESPONDING TO U. S. REQUEST FOR EXCHANGE OF ESV' S FOR TESTING, FRENCH DELEGATE POINTED OUT THAT THEIR WORK WAS WITH SUBSYSTEMS RATHER THAN ENTIRE VEHICLES AND THEREFORE THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN EXCHANGE.

12. ITALIAN DELEGATE COMMENTED ON NEED FOR BIO- MECHANICAL STUDIES AND INVESTIGATION OF LARGE VERSUS SMALL VEHICLE MIX PROBLEMS BEFORE PROMULGATING NEW ESV SPECIFICATIONS.

13. UK DELEGATE ANNOUNCED IT WAS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN FORTH ESV CONFERENCE AND THAT IT WILL DEVELOP THROUGH BRITISH LEYLAND A SAFETY CAR THAT IN NEAR TERM COULD BE MASS PRODUCED. THE CAR WOULD HIGHLIGHT ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE FEATURES ALTHOUGH DEALING WITH CRASH SURVIVABILITY. REPORTS OF PROGRESS WOULD BE READY FOR THE 5 TH INTERNATIONAL ESV CONFERENCE TO BE HOSTED IN ENGLAND IN SPRING OF 1974.

14. DUTCH DELEGATE REPORTED ON ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PROJECT. A DRAFT OF FINAL REPORT WILL BE READY BY JULY 1 AND WILL SHOW RESULTS OF STATISTICAL ANALYSES OF OVER 500 ACCIDENT REPORTS FROM NINE COUNTRIES. DELEGATE BELIEVED RESULTS WOULD SHOW THAT PROCEDURE TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ACCIDENT REPORT FORMS WAS SUCCESSFUL. FINAL WORKSHOP OF PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1973.
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